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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Signed March 16, 2021

United States Bankruptcy Judge

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	8 §	21-03004-sgj
	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND	§	
ADVISORS, L.P.	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

# ORDER APPROVING AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER

Upon consideration of the *Amended Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 9] (the "Stipulation")<sup>2</sup> by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>", and together with the Debtor, the "<u>Parties</u>"), it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is **APPROVED**.
- 2. The Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
- 3. With respect to the Adversary Proceeding, the Parties shall abide by the following pretrial schedule (the "Joint Pretrial Schedule") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

Joint Pretrial Schedule				
Event	<u>Deadline</u>			
Service of Written Discovery     Requests	April 21, 2021			
Service of Written Responses to     Discovery	May 28, 2021			
3. Completion of Fact Discovery	June 25, 2021			
4. Expert Disclosures	July 15, 2021			
5. Completion of Expert Discovery	July 30, 2021			
6. Dispositive Motions	July 30, 2021			
7. Exhibit and Witness Lists	August 30, 2021			
8. Joint Pretrial Order	September 6, 2021			
9. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	September 6, 2021			
10. Trial Docket Call	September 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. (CT)			

- 4. The Joint Pretrial Schedule set forth in this Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.
- 5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

###End of Order###

# **EXHIBIT A**

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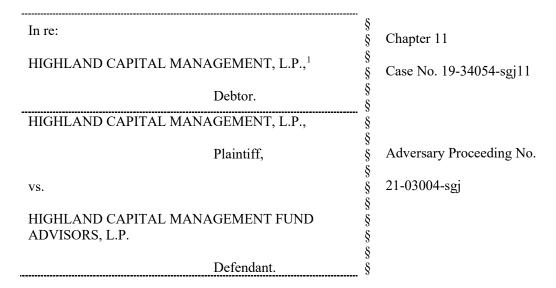
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#### AMENDED STIPULATION AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

This amended stipulation (the "<u>Stipulation</u>") is made and entered into by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>" or "<u>Defendant</u>", and together with the Debtor, the "Parties"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel.

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "<u>Delaware Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Debtor's bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") to this Court;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the Debtor commenced the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") against HCMFA by filing its complaint [Docket No. 1]<sup>2</sup> (the "Complaint");

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the Court issued its *Order Regarding Adversary*Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order [Docket No. 3] (the "Alternative Scheduling Order");

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, HCMFA filed its answer to the Debtor's Complaint [Docket No. 6] (the "Answer");

WHEREAS, the Parties have conferred and desire to enter into a mutually agreeable proposed schedule, as specifically set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and upon approval of this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refers to the docket number maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

Stipulation by the Court, it shall be SO ORDERED:

1. The Parties agree to the following schedule (the "<u>Proposed Joint Scheduling</u> <u>Order</u>") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

Proposed Joint Scheduling Order				
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Service of Written Discovery     Requests	April 21, 2021			
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- 2. If approved by the Court, the Proposed Joint Scheduling Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.
- 3. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulation, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

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Dated: March 9, 2021.

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Highland Capital Management, L.P.,

Plaintiff Adv. Proc. No. 21-03004-sgj

Highland Capital Management Fund Advisor,

Defendant

# CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Symbol Definition

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regulations require that automation-compatible mail display the correct ZIP.

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Recipi ID Recipient Name and Address

ust + Cheryl Wilcoxson, US Trustee, 1100 Commerce St., Ste. 976, Dallas, TX 75242-0996

dft + Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., K&LGates LLP, c/o Stephen G. Topetzes, 1600 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

20006-2806

TOTAL: 2

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Recip ID	Notice Type: Email Address + Email/Text: ustpregion06.ty.ecf@usdoj.gov	Date/Time	Recipient Name and Address
ust	+ Email/Text: ustpregionoo.ty.ect@usdoj.gov	Mar 16 2021 22:17:00	US Trustee, Office of the U.S. Trustee, 110 N. College Ave., Suite 300, Tyler, TX 75702-7231
ust	+ Email/Text: ustpregion07.hu.ecf@usdoj.gov	Mar 16 2021 22:17:00	US Trustee, Office of the US Trustee, 515 Rusk Ave, Ste 3516, Houston, TX 77002-2604
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ust \*+ US Trustee, Office of the U.S. Trustee, 110 N. College Ave., Suite 300, Tyler, TX 75702-7231

TOTAL: 2 Undeliverable, 1 Duplicate, 0 Out of date forwarding address

#### NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Mar 18, 2021 Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

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# CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on March 16, 2021 at the address(es) listed

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